



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 19, 2005

ITEM NUMBER: Item Number

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF 2005 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) AND
APPROVAL OF THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

DATE: MARCH 24, 2005

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT – FIELD OPERATIONS

PRESENTATION BY: KARL SCHULER, LIEUTENANT, FIELD OPERATIONS

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RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution that authorizes the City Manager or his designee to accept the grant award for the 2005 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$34,608, and

Approve the recommendation of the Police Department to allocate the proceeds for the following items:

Orange County ProActive Methamphetamine Laboratory Task Force	\$14,000
Computer Monitors	\$ 5,180
Tactical Hearing/Communication Headsets	\$10,765
Police Patrol Vehicle Light Bars	\$ 4,663

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, in an effort to streamline justice funding and grant administration, has decided to combine both the previous Byrne Formula and the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) funds into a new Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award Program. The City of Costa Mesa has participated in the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) program since 1996.

The County was awarded \$849,986 in JAG funds to be allocated to all Orange County Agencies. Each agency's funding allocation is based upon the level of Part 1 violent crimes reported to the FBI over a 3-year period. It has been determined that Costa Mesa will be allocated \$34,608 in JAG funds.

ANALYSIS:

Recommendations of each proposed item must meet several criteria. First, any proposal or project considered should enhance crime reduction effort and improve public safety for the community. Second, each proposal is subject to the elements contained in one or more of the seven (7) Purpose Areas outlined by the U.S. Department of Justice. Third, it is important that proposals address the concerns and

requirements of the Police Department as well as projects that benefit the community at large. With regard to the seven (7) Purpose Areas in which funds can be expended, the Police Department has proposed recommended expenditures from Purpose Area I, procuring equipment, technology, and other materials related to basic law enforcement functions. However, please note that the remaining Purpose Areas are currently being addressed by other governmental agencies or appropriate jurisdictions.

Orange County ProActive Methamphetamine Laboratory Task Force

It is our intention to use \$14,000 of these funds to continue to support this Task Force. Funds for this support in the past came from Byrne Formula funds which most, if not all, Orange County agencies supported.

Tactical Hearing/Communications Headsets

The current SWAT tactical communications equipment is ineffective during a tactical event and does not afford hearing protection in the event of a live fire situation. Our goal is to provide SWAT tactical officers optimum TEAM communication abilities as well proper hearing protection in the event of a live fire situation. We recommend the purchase of (18) eighteen Tactical Hearing/Communications Sets so that SWAT officers will have optimum communication capabilities as well as hearing protection.

Computer Monitors

Currently the field officers PC report writing area is small with limited desk space to produce written reports. Our goal is to provide a more efficient and comfortable workspace area when completing crime and arrest reports. We recommend the purchase of space-saving flat screen PC monitors to enhance the workspace function. Installing flat screen PC monitors will produce an increase of approximately 15 inches in usable desk space.

Police Patrol Vehicle Light Bars

In order to improve safety, we are recommending the introduction of LED light bars to the patrol fleet by purchasing two (2) LED X LED Light Bars by Code 3 Public Safety Equipment, Inc. The LED light bar is much brighter and attracts the attention of motorists. In addition, LED lighting technology has very little electrical current needs, which reduces the demand on the police patrol vehicles's electrical system.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Other than the items proposed by the Police Department for consideration, no additional expenditure options were proposed at this time.

FISCAL REVIEW:

The approval of the attached Budget Adjustment No. 05-086 will appropriate the grant funds.

LEGAL REVIEW:

N/A

CONCLUSION:

Therefore, based up on the discussion and analysis, it is recommended the expenditures of the Justice Assistant Grant (JAG) funds be accepted and approved.

KARL SCHULER

Lieutenant

JOHN HENSLEY

Chief of Police

DISTRIBUTION: City Manager
City Clerk
Director of Finance

ATTACHMENTS: 1 [Council Resolution](#)
2 [Budget Adjustment](#)

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